Sri S. P. RAJANNA.—Is it not a fact that there are already recognised Teachers' Associations in the Taluk level working from many years ?

Sri K. V. SHANKARA GOWDA.—There are some.

N. C. C. in Schools and Colleges

4. Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA (Legislative Assembly Constituency).—

Will the Minister for Education and Agriculture be pleased to state :—

(*a*) in view of statements made by responsible Ministers at the Central and State levels that N. C. C. would cease to be compulsory in future, how soon would this decision be given effect to ;

(*b*) the aggregate allotment made by the State Government under all categories for running N. C. C. Units in Mysore in the Budget ;

(*c*) whether it is the intention of Government to make N. C. C. optional for boys and girls in Schools and Colleges ;

(*d*) whether there is any substantial reduction in the budget allotment for N. C. C. in the proposed altered set up ;

(*e*) the reasons that prompted Government to consider that N. C. C. need not in future be continued on a compulsory basis ?

A.— Sri K. V. SHANKARA GOWDA (Minister for Education and Agriculture).—

(*a*) The Universities have been asked to examine the matter.

(*b*) Rs. 75,04,000.

(*c*) It is now optional for boys and girls in High Schools and for girls in Colleges. The training in Colleges is governed by University Regulations.

(*d*) Does not arise as no change has been decided.

(*e*) Does not arise.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—Is the hon'ble Minister aware that it is only last week the Inter-University Board has taken a decision that the N. C. C. organisation should be made optional in respect of all the Universities ?

Sri K. V. SHANKARA GOWDA.—Yes, I am aware of it.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—Then what is it that the Universities are asked to examine the matter again ?

Sri K. V. SHANKARA GOWDA.—Sir, N. C. C. is governed by a Central Act. Before the Universities take any decision, the State Government, the Central Government and the Universities—all these three—will have to agree. We have referred the matter to the Universities. They must hold consultations with the Central Government and State Government and then only we can do something.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—Are Government aware that the expectations anticipated in regard to the spread of the N. C. C. through the educational institutions have not been fully realised due to some reason or the other and 75 lakhs of rupees is being spent on this without achieving the objective, will the Government take a decision early and communicate their view to the Centre so that they may take a firm decision ?

Sri K. V. SHANKARA GOWDA.—I quite agree with the hon'ble member when he says that the results achieved are not commensurate with the amounts we have spent. There is also another question ; some other alternative system will have to be evolved like the National Course or some such thing. Until then, we cannot dispense with this. Anyhow, the consensus of opinion is that it should be optional and not compulsory.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—There are too many Youth Organisations functioning at cross roads Is it not desirable to have an integrated youth development scheme by Mysore Government so that it may serve as a model to other States ? Whether it is not desirable that this matter should be considered by the Board of Physical Education and the Department of Education and a few people invited if necessary to consider this matter and come to a final decision ?

Sri K. V. SHANKARA GOWDA.—I cannot say that the National Service Scheme and Physical Education Scheme are the same. There may be some difference. Though I agree that all encouragement should be given to physical education, it does not mean that we should not have a National Service Scheme. The question of integration is quite welcome and Government is examining it.

Sri M. P. L. SASTRY.—Before the N. C. C. is made optional, is it not necessary that a suitable system for inculcating discipline among the youths in the colleges is evolved and then the N. C. C. is made optional ?

Sri K. V. SHANKARA GOWDA.—That is what has been done.

Smt. M. R. LAKSHAMMA.—In the meanwhile, will greater encouragement be given to other movements which also build correct formation and are conducive to discipline like the Bharat Scouts and Guides ?

Sri K. V. SHANKARA GOWDA.—Sir, hon'ble member knows quite well about that. I can go to any extent to help the Bharat Scouts and Guides and we are giving all encouragement.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—Is the Government of Mysore bound to follow the pattern set by the Centre in regard to this matter in the scheme of education and whether they could not function independent of the Centre in regard to this matter ?

Sri K. V. SHANKARA GOWDA.—Sir, education is a State subject, I know. But, there should be a national education policy also. To have it, some of these things come under that head. The entire nation should have a proper system of education. There is necessity for certain amount of co-ordination in this matter and therefore we consult the Central Government, and the State Governments.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—Is the hon'ble Minister aware that the Central Minister for Education says that it is difficult to find a scheme for national education, against this background, would the Education Minister of Mysore take steps to evolve a scheme of our own and see whether that cannot set a pattern for the rest of the country ?

Sri K. V. SHANKARA GOWDA.—I do not mean that there can be no initiative on the part of the State Government. There can be initiative; but they should not rule out of having some co-ordination between State and State.

CALLING ATTENTION TO A MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

Sri M. V. VENKATAPPA (Graduates' Constituency).—Sir, I call the attention of the Minister for Education regarding the closure of the colleges under the Bangalore University.

Sri K. V. SHANKARA GOWDA (Minister for Education and Agriculture).—The hon'ble member has called attention to the closure of the Colleges of Bangalore University by the University Authorities. Members may be aware that there were students' disturbances in the University Campus on 22-1-1968 on the language question. The syndicate of the Bangalore University decided to close all Colleges under its control till 28-1-1968. The situation was constantly under review by the Vice-Chancellor in consultation with the Principals and Government. The Vice-Chancellor decided that the Colleges should continue to be closed on 29th January also and should be reopened on 30th January. On 30th January when the Colleges re-opened, some colleges worked with very thin attendance. Classes in most of the Colleges especially in the major colleges such as, Central College and the Government Arts and Science College, were disturbed by students. An emergent meeting of the Principals was called the same day by the Vice-Chancellor who also met representatives of the Bangalore University Students Council. The Vice-Chancellor also held discussions with members of the Bangalore Peace Committee. After considering all aspects of the situation, the University decided that the Colleges under its jurisdiction should be